THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Government is aware that Pakistan is involved in aiding abetting, supporting terrorism in various parts of the country. Various modules detected and neutralised by the security agencies indicate that Pakistan has been involved in backing subversive and espionage activities in the country.

Various aspects involved in bringing out a White Paper on Pak sponsored terrorism in India are presently under consideration of the Government.

People under house arrest under TADA

†4028. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether many people are still under house arrest under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA);

(b) what is the number of people against whose the cases have not been registered yet and the numbers of people who have been prosecuted;

(c) whether the introduction of any law is under consideration as an alternative to TADA; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a similar Act for combating insurgency and terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Since Law and Order is a State subject, the information/statistical details pertaining to TADA cases is not centrally maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1995 which seeks to provide an alternate law for the country for combating terrorism was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in May, 1995, when the erstwhile Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 was allowed to lapse. This has remained pending due to absence of consensus on the passing of this Bill. On the advise of this Ministry, the Law Commission of India has submitted the Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000 for combating terrorism. The provisions of the proposed Bill would extend to the whole of India. The Government has invited the views of all State Governments/UT Administrations on the various provisions of the Bill. Govt. will also hold wide consultations with political parties, other groups etc before a view is finalized in the matter.

Digging trenches and reorganising border observation posts by Pakistan Army

4029 SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani Army has started digging trenches and reorganizing border observation posts along 200-Km. long international border in Jammu;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unusual activity along the border on Pakistan side has been noticed and Pakistan Army regulars are involved in this activity; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in order to enable the farmers on the Indian side to cultivate their land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Available inputs indicate that Pakistan Rangers/troops opposite Jammu sector are constructing/ maintaining their defences. They are reportedly upgrading some of their existing positions by fortifying them. They have also been constructing new bunkers. They have also conducted summer training/exercise during April/May, 2001.

Frequent flag meetings at local Commanders level with Pak Rangers are held to bring down the incidents of unprovoked firing by Pak on Indian civilians working in their fields.